



CWMAMMAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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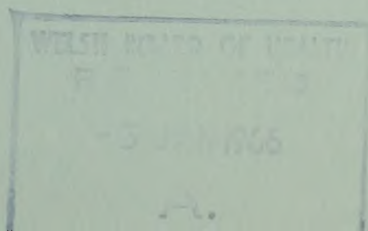
of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1964.

Cwmamman Urban District Council,
Council Offices,
8, Station Road,
Glanamman,
Ammanford,
Carms.



STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area of District 756 acres.

The Registrar General's Estimate
of Resident Population for 1964. 4,200.

Number of Council Flats
completed during the year 2.

Number of Inhabited Houses
according to Rate Book. 1,481.

Product of Penny Rate. £241. 10. 0.

Rateable Value £63,675. 0. 0.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1964.

To the Chairman and Members of the CWMAMMAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to present my thirteenth annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1964

It was another good year for public health in the area. The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population remained at 4,200.

There were no epidemics during the year, but there were a few sporadic cases of infective hepatitis associated with one of the schools.

The second part of the report has been prepared by the present Public Health Inspector and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking him and other members of the Staff and the Council for their support and interest in the work of the Health Department.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

GWLADYS M. HERBERT.
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.PH.
Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1929.

To the Chairman and Members of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to present my fifteenth annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

It was another good year for public health in the area. The Registrar-General's estimated mid-year population remained at 4,500.

For several years of successive epidemic diseases in the schools. The second part of the report has been prepared by the present Public Health Inspector, who has had the opportunity of training in the and other departments of the Health Department, and has been able to contribute to the work of the Health Department.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours Obedient Servant,

WILLIAM H. HERBERT.

M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS.

There was an increase in the number of births this year, 78 compared with 54 last year, making the birth rate higher than the County and National rate.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	46	31	77
Illegitimate	0	1	1
TOTAL	46	32	78

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population:-

Cwmamman Urban District.

Legitimate Birth Rate	18.33)	
Illegitimate " "	0.24)	18.57

Carmarthenshire	14.81
England and Wales.	18.4

Illegitimate Live Births percentage of total live births:-

Cwmamman	1.23
Carmarthenshire	4.98

STILL BIRTHS.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	1

The Still Birth rate per 1,000 total births:-

For Cwmamman Urban District	12.69
" Carmarthenshire	17.52
" England and Wales	16.3

MATERNAL MORALITY RATE.

This year there was one maternal death resulting from pregnancy or childbirth.

	Cwmamman	Carmarthen - shire	England & Wales.
No. of deaths.	1	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total births.	0.24	0.40	0.25

INFANT DEATHS.

There was again one infant death, a boy who died within a few hours of birth.

Death Rates per 1,000 live births.	Cwmamman U.D.	Carmarthen - shire	England & Wales
Early Neonatal deaths under 1 wk.	12.82	19.04	-
Neonatal deaths under 4 weeks.	12.82	21.47	-
Infant deaths under 1 year.	12.82	28.36.	20.0
Perinatal Morality Still births and Infant deaths under 1 wk.	25.32	36.23	-

DEATHS - ALL AGES.

There were 67 deaths during the year compared with 59 last year.

Male	36
Female	31
Total	67

PNEUMOCONIOSIS.

This was a contributory cause of death in 6 cases in ages varying from 55 - 81 years.

The death rate per 1,000 estimated population:-

Cwmamman Urban District	18.33
Carmarthenshire	13.43
England & Wales	11.3

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM EACH DISEASE AND RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION. DISEASE.	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	2	0	0.48
Diphtheria.	0	0	0.0
Poliomyelitis.	0	0	0.0
Cancer.	4	8	2.85
Vascular Lesions of Nervous system	5	5	2.39
Coronary Disease.	9	1	2.39
Hypertension with heart disease	0	1	0.24
Other heart diseases	4	6	2.39
Other Circulatory diseases	4	4	1.90
Influenza	0	0	0.0
Pneumonia	1	1	0.48
Bronchitis.	1	1	0.48
Other respiratory diseases.	5	0	1.19
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	0	1	0.48
Pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.	0	1	0.24
Other Ill-defined diseases.	1	1	0.48
Suicide.	0	1	0.24
ALL CAUSES.	36	31	18.33

DEATHS FROM CANCER.

There were 12 deaths from Cancer compared with five during the previous year - 4 males and 8 females.

AGES AND SITES.

SITES.	AGES.					Total
	35-45 M - F	46-55 M - F	55-65 M - F	65-75 M - F	75-over M - F	
Stomach			1		1	2
Colon				1	1	2
Breast.					1	1
Lung, Bronchus				2		2
Other sites.	1		2	2		5

Male - 4. Female - 8. Total 12.

Cancer death Rate.

Cwmamman - 2.85 Carmarthenshire - 2.1 England & Wales - 2.2

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

Nineteen cases were notified during the year. 6 cases of measles, 10 of dysentery, and one each of acute pneumonia, meningococcal infection and puerpual pyrexia.

DISEASE	Notification Received.			
	Cwmamman 1964	Carmarthen - shire 1964	Cwmamman 1963	Carmarthen - shire 1963
Puerpual Pyrexia	1		0	3
Whooping Cough	0	108	0	108
Measles.	6	844	41	1,257
Scarlet Fever	0	28	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	10	110	15	110
Food Poisoning	0	1	0	1
Acute Pneumonia	1			
Meningococcal Inf.	1			
TOTAL	19		56	

FOOD POISONING.

No cases were notified in the area during the year.

During the Aberdeen typhoid outbreak the Ministry of Health issued a warning of the possible risk of infection from certain 6 lb. tins. of corned beef from a specified source. All food premises in the area were visited and one suspected tin was withdrawn from sale.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

For at least 17 years no diphtheria has occurred in the area and no case was notified in the County, but a few cases are notified in the County each year. This should be a warning to parents that the disease could recur in this district if a high level of immunity is not maintained. They should, therefore, ensure that their own children are protected by obtaining the necessary inoculations from their family doctor or at the Infant Welfare Clinic which is held on alternative Wednesday's at Bethesda Chapel Vestry from 2 - 4 p.m.

During the year most children received combined inoculations to protect against the three diseases - diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. The numbers inoculated in the district were:-

	<u>Under 5 years.</u>	<u>5 - 14 yrs.</u>	<u>Boosters.</u>
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough only.	-	-	-
Tetanus only.	-	-	-
Combined Whooping Cough and Diphtheria & tetanus.	83	-	-
Diphtheria and Tetanus.	-	-	4

POLIOMYELITIS.

Vaccination with Oral Vaccine (Sabin) was given mostly during the year. Similar age groups were vaccinated and only figures for the whole County are available. The total numbers vaccinated were:-

	Number received 2 injections of Salk vaccine.	Number received 3 doses of oral vaccine.
Children born in 1964	21	242
Children born in 1963	37	1,023
" " " 1962	5	334
Persons born 1943-61	4	921
" " 1933-42	1	119
Others.	1	121
Number of persons given third injection of salk vaccine.		22
Number of persons given a re-informing dose of oral vaccine after 3 doses of Salk or 2 Salk doses and 2 oral doses.		73

SMALLPOX.

Vaccinations against Smallpox were performed by the Local Medical Practitioners and at our Infant Welfare Clinic. Separate figures for the area are not available but the total for the County are:-

Age at date of Vaccination.	Number Vaccinated	Number Revaccinated
Under 1	157	-
1	507	-
2 - 4	53	8
5 - 14	3	25
15 or over	18	110

B.C.G. VACCINATION.

Separate figures for the area are not available. The figures for the Whole county are:-

Contact Scheme.

Skin Tested.	269
Found Negative	213
Vaccinated.	209

School Children.

Skin Tested.	2,421
Found Negative.	2,068
Vaccinated.	2,056

Students at Further Education Establishments.

Skin Tested.	108
Found Negative.	32
Vaccinated.	31

MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Unit did not visit the area during the year, but was stationed at Ammanford at the Old Age Pensioners Hall, Quay Street on alternative Wednesdays with three sessions per day. One of the Units also visited Crompton Parkinson (Stud Welding) Ltd., and examined 125 persons.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Three new cases were notified during the year. Two males and one female, all suffering from Respiratory disease. Both the males suffered from pneumoconiosis.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47.

No action was taken during the year.

FACTORY ACT.

INSPECTIONS - for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

PREMISES.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Factories in which Sect. 1,2,3,4, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	11	10	NIL	NIL
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 was enforced by the Authority.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Authority.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	11	10	NIL	NIL

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply of water in the district was, throughout the year, plentiful as, when the local sources of supply, Glyndraenog and Cwmpedol did not yield sufficient, the deficiency was supplied by the Loughor Joint Water Board, a bulk supply arrangement being in operation. The chlorination plant has worked satisfactorily, frequent samples being sent for bacteriological examination so as to safeguard the health of consumers. Samples are submitted regularly for chemical analysis, and results are uniformly good.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The sewers have worked satisfactorily throughout the year. The system is by gravitation to disposal works at Garnswllt, which works are under the control of the Amman Valley Joint Sewerage Board. There is no question but that the sewers are sufficiently large to deal adequately with the needs of the district. The new sewage disposal works of the Amman Valley Joint Sewerage Board came into operation during the year. Phase 1 of the new scheme, i.e. the reconstruction of sewers had already been carried out, so that generally speaking the disposal of sewage from the area is satisfactorily dealt with. The new works are of the Biological Aeration type.

RIVER POLLUTION.

Some intermittent pollution has taken place by effluent from the Steer Washery and from the Neuadd Road Opencast Site. The streams concerned were Nant Hir and Afon Gorse respectively, both venues being outside the Council's area, but these streams, in turn, polluted the river Amman.

The pollution was dealt with as a matter of routine by the South West Wales River Board.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The statistics in this matter are as follows:-

Number of houses with closets on the water carriage system connected to sewers	1,314
Number of houses with closets on the water carriage system connected to Cesspits, remaining to be connected to sewers	NIL
Number of houses with closets built on the Conservancy system, not able to connect to sewers	27
Number of houses remaining to be connected	16

PUBLIC CLEANING - Dry Refuse.

The Council undertake the removal of all dry refuse, collection being made by the Council lorry twice weekly from all parts of the district. The refuse when collected, is tipped at Glanamman Tinworks site. In my opinion, steps should be taken to enforce the provision by householders of proper dustbins, as all kinds of insanitary receptacles are now used. It has always been the exception to see a proper covered dustbin in the street of the district, all kinds of bins, tins and buckets being used for this purpose. Under Section 75 of the Health Act 1936 the provision of a proper covered dustbin can be enforced.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF AREA.

Number of Inspections made for Nuisance	131
Number of Informal Notices served	18
Number of Statutory Notices served	NIL.
Number of Water Leakage Inspections	236
Number of water leakage notices	78

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Number of Council houses found to be infested	NIL
Number of other houses found to be infested	NIL
Number of houses disinfected	NIL

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are none in the area.

SCHOOLS.

There are three schools in the area, and frequent visits are paid to them. The sanitary condition of the schools is excellent, each being provided with modern sanitary conveniences connected to the sewers, and with an abundant supply of water from the Council's mains.

SPECIAL CLASSES OF PREMISES SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

There are no common lodging houses in the area, nor are there any registered houses let in lodgings.

HOUSING.

1. (a) Inspection of houses during the year:-

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Act.	74
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	87
2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	NIL
3. Number of houses found to be not in all respects fit for human habitation	16

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit during the year in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers	10
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	NIL
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were made fit for service of formal notice	NIL

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	11
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	9

- (c) Proceedings under Section 17,18,13 and 24 of the Housing Act, 1957.
 Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition
 Orders were made NIL

HOUSING ACT, 1957 - Part IV Overcrowding.

- (a) 1. Number of houses overcrowded at the end of the year 7
 2. Number of families dwelling therein. 12
 3. Number of persons dwelling therein 30
 4. Number of houses occupied for the first time
 in 1964 NIL
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during
 the year NIL
- (c) 1. Number of cases of overcrowding relived during the
 year 1
 2. Number of families dwelling therein 2

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the area, all the meat being purchased on the wholesale market. The quality is uniformly good, frequent inspections being made to ensure that all meat sold in the area is free from disease and wholesome.

BAKEHOUSES.

Number of bakehouses in the area registered 2
 Number of inspections made 14

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Number of houses fumigated after cases of infectious
 diseases 5

CONTROL OF MICE AND RATS.

Work has contined on the control of the rat population, the added powers given to local authorities under the Prevention of Damage by Pests acts being of particular value.

Large numbers of rats are destroyed by following up complaints received from householders.

ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES AND INSPECTIONS.

<u>Nature of Trade.</u>		<u>No. of Inspections.</u>
Butchers shops	5	58
Groceries and Provisions.	9	39
General Shops.	14	23
Milk retailers.	3	8
Ice Cream Premises.	7	37
Cooked meat.	4	Included in above.

In all cases the occupiers have made every effort to comply with all requests made by the Public Health Inspector, structually all premises are in good condition, and they are kept in a clean and wholesome condition.

The products exposed for sale uniformly of high quality and will bear comparision with goods displayed in other districts.

All in all the position as regards food premises can be said to be quite satisfactory.

